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SUBJECT: RAMADAN 2004 PD STRATEGY -- TURKEY

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(U) SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE PROTECT ACCORDINGLY.

(SBU) FOLLOWING IS A NOTIONAL LIST, REQUESTED REFTTEL, OF PLANNED RAMADAN ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY EMBASSY ANKARA AND CONSULATES ISTANBUL AND ANKARA.

ANKARA:

- AMBASSADOR WILL ATTEND, WITH THE MAYOR OF ANKARA, IFTAR IN A LOW-INCOME CITY NEIGHBORHOOD.

- DCM WILL HOST IFTAR FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS, GOVERNMENT LEADERS, AK PARTY OFFICIALS, AND OTHER CONTACTS.

- EMBOFFS WILL HOST AND/OR ATTEND IFTARS IN ANKARA AND ELSEWHERE IN TURKEY WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS.

ISTANBUL:

- CONSULATE WILL BEGIN ITS NOVEMBER 3 "ELECTION 2004" PROGRAM FOR 600 GUESTS EARLY, AT 0500 HOURS, IN ORDER TO SERVE SAHUR (LAST MEAL BEFORE FASTING BEGINS) TO INVITEES.

- CONSULATE OFFICERS WILL HOST AND/OR ATTEND IFTARS IN ISTANBUL AND ELSEWHERE IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS.

- CONSUL GENERAL WILL HOST IFTAR FOR CONSULATE STAFF.

ADANA:

- PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILL HOST IFTAR IN EITHER ADANA OR GAZIANTEP FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AK PARTY OFFICIALS, AND OTHER CONTACTS. A U.S. MUSLIM LAY LEADER FROM NEARBY INCIRLIK AIR BASE WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE A PRESENTATION TO THE GUESTS ON THE PRACTICE OF ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES.

- PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILL ATEND IFTARS WITH BUSINESS LEADERS AND OTHER CONTACTS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN CITIES OF DIYARBAKIR AND MALATYA.

- CONSULATE OFFICERS WILL HOST AND/OR ATTEND IFTARS IN ADANA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS.

- PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILL HOST IFTAR FOR STAFF.

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